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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1462

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SUBJ: PRESIDENT DAOUD'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: KABUL 1426 (USIAC)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED SECTION: WHILE INTERVIEWING PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAOUD OF AFGHANISTAN ON FEBRUARY 19, A MEMBER OF THE VISITING U.S. NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION GROUP (REFTEL) ASKED HIM FOR HIS VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. DAOUD REPLIED WITH WARM PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT OBSERVED THAT THE MEANS TO ATTAIN SUCH GOALS MUST, OF NECESSITY, VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY BECAUSE OF DIFFERING CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS.

2. WHEN ASKED HOW MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS THERE ARE IN AFGHANISTAN, DAOUD SAID THE NUMBER WAS MINIMAL COMPARED WITH MOST OTHER COUNTRIES. WHEN PRESSED AGAIN FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER, HE INDICATED HE DID NOT RECOLLECT THE PRECISE FIGURE AND THAT THE GROUP COULD ASK FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH WHOM THEY WOULD BE SEEING LATER THAT DAY. THE QUESTION WAS NOT PURSUED BY THE AMERICAN VISITORS DURING THE SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH
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ABDULLAH, HOWEVER. END UNCLASSIFIED SECTION.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL SECTION: LATER THAT EVENING, AN EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED AN AFGHAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHAT THE ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD IT BEEN ASKED OSBRE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE RELUCTANTLY VOLUNTEERED: "110". END CONFIDENTIAL SECTION.
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